



WEDNESFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Wednesfield.**

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM, AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

The Birth Rate for the year shows an increase on last year, being 16.43 against 14.43 per 1,000 of the population. The rate for England and Wales was 15.3.

The Death Rate was 7.64 against 10.75 per 1,000 of the population in 1951, which appears very favourable against the Rate of England and Wales, this being 11.3.

The infant Mortality Rate is 20.89 compared with 35.85 in 1951, and 42.55 in 1950. The actual number of deaths for the year was 3 against 9 last year, and 12 in 1950. All of the deaths were infants under 4 weeks of age. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 27.6 against 29.6 in 1951.

Two maternal deaths were recorded during the year.

Combined with my report is that of your Chief Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion I would like to express thanks to all those who have co-operated in the work of the Health Department during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM BENTLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Chairman : COUNCILLOR A. GUEST.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :

W. BENTLEY, L.M.S.S.A.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND HOUSING OFFICER :

P. H. G. GRIMMETT, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR :

A. L. MORGAN, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.

CLERK :

Miss O. JOHNS.

HEALTH VISITORS :

MRS. REILLY.

Area	.....	.....	.....	2,515 acres
Population (estimated)	.....	.....	.....	17,400
Inhabited Houses	.....	.....	.....	5,295
Rateable Value (April 1st, 1953)	.....	.....	.....	£74,019
General Rate	.....	.....	.....	18/10d.
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	.....	.....	.....	£310

DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT

The District is bounded on the North by Cannock Rural District, on the North-West and South-West by Wolverhampton County Borough, and on the South-East, East, and North-East by Willenhall Urban District.

The elevation is approximately 500 feet above sea level, being part industrial, with a Rural aspect on the Northern side.

The inhabitants are engaged in a variety of occupations, Agricultural workers, Iron and Steel workers, Steel Trap makers, Keysmiths, Locksmiths, Foundry workers, Paint workers, Coal miners.

The general health of the population is very satisfactory.

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTH RATE

Males		Females		Total		Rate Per 1,000
L.	I.	L.	I.	L.	I.	
145	7	126	8	271	15	16.43

STILLBIRTHS—7.

DEATH RATE

Males	Females	Total	Rate Per 1,000
75	58	133	7.64

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Deaths under one year

Males		Females		Total		Rate Per 1,000
L.	I.	L.	I.	L.	I.	
3	—	3	—	6	—	20.89

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth :

From Sepsis NONE

From other causes Two

INFANT MORTALITY DURING YEAR 1952

CAUSES OF DEATH	Total Under One year	Under 1 day	1-7 days	7-14 days	14-28 days	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months
Pneumonia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Prematurity	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Meconium Ileus	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR IN AGE GROUPS

Year 1952

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and Under 3 months	3 months and Under 6 months	6 months and Under 9 months	9 months and Under 12 m'ths.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ac. Infectious Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Premature Birth	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	3
Congenital Malformations	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	2	2	2	6	—	—	—	—	6

CAUSES OF DEATH IN WEDNESFIELD URBAN DISTRICT

CAUSES OF DEATH	1948		1949		1950		1951		1952	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
All Causes	76—61 137		83—69 152		74—75 149		97—90 187		75—58 133	
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Small Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blood Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Influenza	—	—	1	2	—	—	3	4	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Coronary Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	5	12	2
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	6	2	3	2	3	2	7	4	1	3
Other Forms	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
Cancer Malignant Disease	8	14	10	11	9	16	15	16	10	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	3
Diabetes	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Bladder Diseases	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—
Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	9	8	11	4	9	12	11	7	7
Other Heart Disease	17	10	15	18	25	17	9	17	8	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	3	6	4	3	3	4	9	4	5
Bronchitis	4	1	6	4	3	7	13	3	9	3
Pneumonia, all forms	7	2	7	3	—	3	1	1	4	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	4	—	1	—	3	—	2	2	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	—	3	—	—	1	2	—	2	1
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
Appendicitis	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other digestive diseases	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	—	3	1	1	4	—	—	2	1	1
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases and accidents of Pregnancy and Parturition	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Congenital Debility and Malformation	9	1	4	1	—	2	1	1	—	1
Road Accidents	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Suicide	—	2	1	1	3	—	—	1	1	—
Other Deaths from Violence	1	1	1	—	3	2	3	1	2	1
Other Defined Diseases	8	9	9	7	9	13	8	5	9	8
Causes ill defined or unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Estimated Population —	16,730		17,140		17,460		17,390		17,400	
Total Deaths	137		152		149		187		133	
Death Rate	8.18		8.86		8.53		10.75		7.64	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS FOR YEAR 1952

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	55 to 64	65 & over	Total	Males	Females
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	4	1	3
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	4	3	1
Cancer of Lung and Bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	5	3	2
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	5	3	4	3
Cancer of Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	7	3
Cancer of all other Sites	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	10	14	21	12
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	33	4	5
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	4	9	9	3
Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	12	4	2
Other Circulatory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	6	4	—
Bronchitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Appendicitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	1
Nephritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	2
Other Maternal Causes	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1
Premature Birth	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Congenital Malformations, Etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	2	1
Road Traffic Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	11	21	10	11
Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Causes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	6	—	—	—	1	—	1	16	54	59	137	75	5862

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

In accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act, Health Services are provided by the local Health Authority, namely, the County Council, the organisation and administration being in the hands of the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ramage. Wednesfield is included in the Health Area No. 9 of the County Scheme, Dr. Kynaston of Wednesbury being Area Medical Officer of Health.

No. 9 AREA HEALTH OFFICE : 20, Hydes Road, Wednesbury.
Telephone No. : Wednesbury 0279.

As regards General Hospital and Specialist Services, their administration is vested in the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses are made by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the County Buildings, Stafford.

Ambulance Facilities.

This Service is provided for under Part III of the National Health Service Act by the County Council.

MAIN AMBULANCE STATION : Clemson Street, Willenhall.
Telephone No. : Willenhall 580.

I have found the service to be highly satisfactory.

Nursing in the Home.

The County Council provide services as one of the benefits to be obtained under the new Health Service. A qualified nurse gives professional service to necessitous non-infectious cases.

Home Help Service.

This service is organised by the County Council and operates from the Area Health Office, 20, Hydes Road, Wednesbury.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Valuable advice and assistance may be obtained at this centre. The times of attendance are as follows :—

INFANT WELFARE CENTRE :

Every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC :

Alternate Mondays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WELFARE CENTRE : Methodist School, Well Lane.

Maternity cases are provided for by the Women's Hospital, New Cross Hospital and Rosemary Ednam Maternity Home. Three Midwives now serve the District.

Hospitals.

The Royal Hospital, the Women's Hospital and New Cross Hospitals are all within easy reach. Admissions being arranged by the Medical Practitioners.

Tuberculosis.

The Dispensary for the District is situated in Wolverhampton.

The sanatoria available are :—

For males :—Prestwood Sanatorium.

For females :—Groundslow and Yarfield.

For children :—The Limes, Himley.

Nursery.

This has been used to full capacity during the year. It is a great help to mothers. A high standard of efficiency is maintained.

Water Supply.

The supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes is good and adequate and is obtained from Wolverhampton Corporation.

I am indebted to Mr. Brian L. McMillan, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., Water Engineer, for the following report.

The water supplied to your District is a mixture of waters from Boreholes and the river Worfe.

“ The water supplied within your area has been satisfactory both in quality and in quantity.”

The water supplied by the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Undertaking does not have a plumbo-solvent action. A temporary appearance of Bact. Coli. Type 2 in the Essington Water Tower was dealt with by chlorination. Subsequent to treatment at works (where necessary) there has been no other known contamination of the supply.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

The following are the times and places where the District Registrar, Mr. A. W. Tunley may be seen each week.

	10 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.	2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
MONDAY	Calves Croft, Willenhall.	Hall Street, Bilston.
TUESDAY	Bilston.	Willenhall.
WEDNESDAY	Willenhall.	Wednesfield Church Institute. 3-0 to 5 p.m.
THURSDAY	Bilston.	
FRIDAY	Willenhall.	Bilston.
SATURDAY	Bilston.	

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1952

DISEASES	FINAL NUMBERS AFTER CORRECTION												Total Cases Admitted to Hospital
	AGE PERIODS—YEARS												
	All Ages	Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 upwards	
Diphtheria, including Membranous Group	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	37	—	15	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
Ophthalmia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	26	—	—	—	—	7	4	4	2	2	2	—	4
Other Forms	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	37	2	24	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	41	—	11	27	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	6	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	156	2	52	63	2	7	11	4	7	5	3	—	19

Smallpox. No case was notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever.

37 cases were notified compared with 5 in 1951. No death occurred.

Diphtheria.

No case has been notified for two years. This is very satisfactory and no doubt due to the large percentage of children immunised.

Food Poisoning.

Three incidents of food poisoning occurred during the year involving two houses, Salmonella Typhi-murium organisms being isolated, no extenuating circumstances arose.

Enteric Fever. No case occurred.

Measles.

41 cases were notified against 201 in 1951. No death occurred.

Whooping Cough.

37 cases were notified against 63 in 1951. No death occurred.

Encephalitis Lethargica. No case occurred.

Influenza and Pneumonia.

During the year 4 cases of Pneumonia were notified as against 1 in 1951 and 8 in 1950. There were 6 deaths due to this cause against 2 in 1951. No deaths occurred from Influenza.

Tuberculosis.

At the end of the year there remained on the register 183 persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 95 males and 88 females, and 71 persons, 33 males and 38 females, suffering from other forms of Tuberculosis, a total on the register of 254. From the following table it will be seen that 4 deaths were registered as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis, no death occurred from other forms of Tuberculosis. 14 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. 2 other forms of Tuberculosis were notified. 4 of the Pulmonary cases were admitted to sanatoria.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1952

AGE PERIODS YEARS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pul.		Non. Pul.		Pul.		Non. Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 to 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 to 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
10 to 15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 20	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 25	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 35	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 to 45	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
45 to 55	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55 to 65	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 upwards	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
TOTALS	14	12	2	—	1	3	—	—

Cancer.

19 deaths occurred from this disease during the year, 10 males and 9 females.

AGES AND PARTS AFFECTED

PARTS AFFECTED	20-30		30-40		40-50		50-60		60-70		70-		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
Rectum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Colon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Lung and Bronchus	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
Stomach	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5
Liver	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bladder	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Jaw	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTALS	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	4	—	1	3	3	19

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

CASES NOTIFIED	Y E A R										
	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
Pneumonia	23	59	6	10	34	67	21	12	8	2	4
Puerperal Sepsis	3	6	3	—	3	2	—	2	2	1	3
Scarlet Fever	111	77	33	15	56	53	51	16	14	5	37
Erysipelas	7	6	2	1	2	4	6	—	2	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Diphtheria incl. Membranous Group	37	23	2	22	20	13	3	—	1	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	4	1	—	3	—	—	—	1	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	17	10	18	16	18	16	18	23	18	24	26
Other Forms	1	5	10	7	1	4	3	4	2	—	2
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	25	245	12	106	21	204	131	154	56	201	41
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	63	37
DEATHS											
Pneumonia	10	11	5	6	10	8	9	10	3	2	6
Puerperal Sepsis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria incl. Membranous Group	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	11	2	5	9	7	9	8	5	5	11	4
Other Forms	1	2	1	2	2	2	—	4	1	1	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—

Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM, AND GENTLEMEN,

With pleasure I present my report conveying activities during the year 1952.

The passing of time takes us further on from the devastation and disruption of the second world war, and despite the continued need for economy and the conservation of capital monies, it is pleasing to note an easement on restriction and control, chief among which has permitted an increased rate of house building to proceed bringing nearer the possibility of "Own home" contentment, yearned for by the many still living under irksome conditions.

My Authority are to be congratulated in enlarging their heart by building houses for and welcoming into the Urban District tenants from the neighbouring County Borough of Wolverhampton. This process now being aptly defined in the one pungent word "Overspill."

Towards the end of the year by reason of the easements of controls perhaps a slightly less resistance was experienced to the call for works of repair, nevertheless the shadow of the Rent Restrictions Acts must be grappled with and it behoves Her Majesty's Government to tackle this problem on a non-political basis and thus shed abroad the sunshine of common sense.

Madam and Gentlemen, I would leave the details of the following pages to speak for themselves.

Finally, I would express my thanks and appreciation of the help and support given by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, the Clerk of the Council, Treasurer and Surveyor, and not by any means least to the Staff of my department during the year under review.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. H. G. GRIMMETT,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Complaints and Enquiries received	4,750
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General Sanitation.

Visits.

Drainage	386
Water Supply	33
Stables and Piggeries	77
Tents, Vans, Sheds	.....	79
Public Conveniences	.....	2
Factories	.....	54
Refuse Collection (Dustbins)	.....	32
Refuse Disposal	.....	20
Theatres and Places of Entertainments		3
Rodent Control	.....	25
Smoke Observations	.....	57
Schools	.....	2
Shops (other than food)	.....	78
Miscellaneous Visits	.....	176
Number of Intimations	.....	64
Number completed	.....	135
Number of Statutory Notices	.....	10
Number completed	.....	12
Verbal Intimations	.....	6
Number completed	.....	6
Interviews and Appointments	.....	37

Details of Work Accomplished.

Floors repaired	.....	44
Plastering made good	.....	66
External rendering	.....	13
Fireplaces repaired	.....	5
Eaves gutters repaired	.....	22
„ „ cleaned	.....	2
Rainwater down pipes repaired	.....	8
Chimneys repaired	.....	10
Roofs repaired	.....	38
Outhouses repaired	.....	3
W.C. apartments roofs repaired	.....	2

Sink waste pipes repaired	4
Opening lights provided where necessary	3
W.C. seats provided	7
W.C. cisterns repaired	13
W.C. pedestals repaired or renewed	8
Inspection covers, gully grids provided	5
Stair-treads renewed	5
Boilers provided or repaired	6
H.W. Cylinders renewed	2
C.W. tanks renewed	2
Window woodwork repaired	20
Fowl and Duck runs cleansed	4
Premises cleansed	3
Backboilers repaired or renewed	1
Door furniture repaired	5
External brickwork repointed	9
Wash hand basins renewed	1
Sink units repaired or renewed	2
Drains surrounds made good	2
Coalhouse apartments repaired	1
Water taps repaired	2
Burst water pipes repaired	2
Toilet apartments cleansed	1
Soil pipe connections made good	1
Rising dampness obviated	5
Sashcords and Fasteners renewed	15
Quarry Floors relaid	3

The cleansing of Private drains was continued, 267 premises receiving attention.

Food Inspection.

Shops and Stalls	16
Slaughter Houses	1
Bake-houses	6
Dairies	1
Ice Cream Premises	57
Cafes and Restaurants	13
Street Vendors	3
Food Preparing Premises	6
Fishmongers, Poultry and Greengrocers	4
Fried Fish Establishments	14
Grocers	13
Butchers	1
Miscellaneous Food Visits	24

Foodstuffs Condemned.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Statutory Instruments issued by the Ministry of Food :—

43 lbs.	.....	.....	Tinned Tomatoes
17 lbs. 10 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Cherries
23 lbs. 2 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Greengages
15 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Figs in Syrup
2 lbs. 6 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Pears
10 lbs. 14 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Orange Segments
3 lbs. 11 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Pineapple
11 lbs. 14 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Plums
3 lbs. 8 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Peas
2 lbs. 4 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Grapes
13 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Vienna Sausages
7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.	.....	.....	„ Grade 2. Salmon
8 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Grade 3. Salmon
22 lbs.	.....	.....	„ Beans
14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.	.....	.....	„ Evaporated Milk
1 $\frac{7}{8}$ pints	.....	.....	„ Skimmed Milk
3 lbs. 9 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Diced Vegetables
14 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Herrings
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs.	.....	.....	„ Sardines
1 lbs	.....	.....	„ Beef and Veg. Broth
29 lbs. 9 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Luncheon Meat
15 ozs.	.....	.....	„ Meat Loaf
140 lbs.	Dates, as a result of infestation		
112 lbs.	Sweetened Fat, (Rancidity)		
11 lbs. 13 ozs.	Block Cheese (Mite and Mould)		
70 lbs. 3 ozs.	Boneless Cooked Ham		
	(Liquefaction of Gelatine)		
334 lbs.	Bacon, (Bone taint and maggots)		
6 lbs. 6 ozs.	Cooked Pork Butts.		

The following being condemned as a result of fire damage :—

55 × 140 lbs.	sacks of National Flour.
10 cwt.	Sugar
80 lbs.	Dried Egg Powder
84 lbs.	Bridle Icing Sugar
280 lbs	Wheat Meal Flour

Ice-Cream.

12 new licences were approved for the sale of Ice-Cream during the year, in each case was the proviso made of selling wrapped commodity only. Of the samples taken all were satisfactory.

Milk and Dairy Regulations.

The Supplementary Licences issued during the year are as hereunder :—

Pasteurised	8
Tuberculin Tested	8
Sterilised	8
Dealers Licenced	45

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

A tabulated list of the samples taken by the County Council is given below :—

Milk.

Milk Sterilised	16
Milk Pasteurised	17
Milk T.T. Pasteurised	13
Milk T.T. Certified	2

TOTAL :— 48

All of which proved genuine.

General Foods.

Number of Samples taken	24
Number of Samples genuine	23
Number adulterated	1

The adulterated sample was an informal one of custard powder which contained potato starch not included in the list of ingredients (Report submitted)

Classification of General Foods.

Sweet Biscuits	Cut Mixed Peel
Pressed Veal	Self Raising Flour
Danish Blue Cheese	Sponge Mixture Sweetened
Custard Powder	Battacrisp
Beans in Tomato Sauce	Rum Flavoured Sauce
(Two samples)	Pure Danish Marzipan
Flavoured Corn Flour	Genuine Ground Almonds
Pork Sausage	Minced-Meat
Beef Sausage	Sauce
Christmas Pudding	Parsley and Thyme Stuffing
Stewed Steak	(Two samples)
Pepper Flavoured Compound	Sage and Onion Savoury Stuffing

Slaughter of Animals Act.

10 renewal licences were issued for the slaughter of animals under the Act of 1933.

Section 47 Public Health Act, 1936.

1 notice was served under this section during the year, involving two premises. A total of six in all parts of the district having been converted during 1952.

It is regretted that those much maligned words "the overloaded state of the sewage works" still remain as a description of the circumstances obtaining, but it is sincerely hoped that in the coming year Ministerial approval will be forthcoming.

The district has been relatively free from those cases of Infectious disease coming within the purview of the Sanitary Department. 52 visits were made in this connection and 46 inspections in respect of disinfection thereto. In 34 cases terminal disinfection was carried out, 23 being after infectious disease, and 11 being after death or removals, such treatment being particularly carried out where T.B. persons were concerned. Other visits totalled 29 in this respect.

24 visits were made in respect to Food Poisoning or suspected Food Poisoning notifications in the district.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

Under the Public Health Act, 1936	.....	329
No. of Inspections made	.....	1,114
Under the Housing Act, 1936	.....	157
No. of Inspections made	.....	219
Overcrowding houses	.....	6
No. of re-inspections made	.....	6
Filthy Verminous Premises	.....	68
No. of re-inspections made	.....	72
Premises disinfested (including woodworm)		41

Control of Civil Building, Defence Regulations 56A.

Visits in this connection	3
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This duty has now been transferred to the Engineer and Surveyor.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following details set out the return as required by the Directorate of Infestation Control of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for period 1st January to 31st December, 1952.

1. PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE

	Total (i)	Number of Properties in Local Authority's Area in which Infestation was				Analysis of Column (iv)		
		Notified by Occupier (ii)	Otherwise discovered (iii)	Recorded Total of (ii) & (iii) (iv)	Number infested by		Mice only (vii)	
					Rats			
					Major (v)	Minor (vi)		
Local Authority's Property	6	3	3	6	3	1	2	
Dwelling House (<i>Estimate</i>)	5,400	63	30	93	5	45	43	
Business Premises	284	3	6	9	1	3	5	
Agricultural Property	15	—	1	1	1	—	—	
TOTAL		69	40	109	10	49	50	

2. MEASURES OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

	No. of Properties inspected	No. of Inspections made	Number of Notices served under Section 4		Number of Treatments carried out			Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Sect. 6 (1) or by informal arrangement		
			Treatments	Works	By arrangement with occupier		Under Section 5 (1)	No. of Blocks	Surface	Assoc. Sewers
Local Authority's Property	6	10	—	—	5	6	—	—	—	—
Dwelling House	215	276	1	—	50	43	—	15	60	—
Business Premises	46	76	—	—	4	7	—	4	9	—
Agricultural Property	8	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	275	374	1	—	60	56	—	19	69	—

The estimated kill for the whole 12 months is as follows :—

Business Premises	521 rats.	131 mice.
Private Dwellings	403 "	488 "
Urban District Council Premises	168 "	24 "

Bi-annual Sewer treatment carried out in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries show a slightly diminishing infestation.

Other Pest Control.

Ants, beetles, cockroaches, steamflies, snails, woodworm, and silverfish, have received their quota of annihilating liquid, as a result of investigations in this direction, the main woodworm difficulty continuing to be the *Lyctus* Beetle.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

In pursuance of the terms of the above Act, the following premises were licenced. :—

Mr. H. Guest, 42, Graisle Lane.
Mr. G. Brazier, Blackhalve Lane.
Mr. A. Craddock, 41, Broad Lane.
Mr. E. Pickering, 2, High Street.

Shops Act, 1928-1950.

No increase is recorded in the number of shops employing personnel. These establishments remain satisfactory.

Housing Act, 1936.

The demolition of a previously vacated premise No. 58, New Street, was begun.

Action under Section II of the Housing Act, 1936 was instituted with the service of Time and Place notices on the persons having control of Nos. 1 to 6 Bellamy Lane and a back to back type house Bk. 88 Graisle Lane.

Pig Keeping.

With excellent co-operation from the Small Pig Keepers Association all sties within the byelaw limit of 60 feet from a dwelling have ceased from useage by the end of the year, such byelaws again becoming operative by the revocation in July 1951 of the Defence Regulation 62B.

Diseases of Animals—Acts and Orders.

One case of swine fever was recorded, the appropriate measures taken, disposal of carcasses being supervised.

Keeping of Pigeons.

Consequent upon complaint and difficulty being experienced upon Housing Estates from the keeping of pigeons it was agreed that only persons acceptable to and members of the National Homing Pigeon Union should be allowed to keep pigeons on Council property. 9 such approvals having been given during the course of the year.

Tents, Vans, Sheds.

An approval was sought and given by the Council and confirmed by the County Council as the Town and Country Planning Authority for the area, permitting an increased number of caravans to be sited on the Ashmore Park Farm site, a further five being permitted giving a total of eleven on the Site.

Planning permission terminates on December 31 st 1954, the area being envisaged for housing development.

Changes have occurred but generally speaking the site has been maintained in good condition.

Registration of Old Metal Dealers.

The Council having adopted Section 86 subsection 1 of the Public Health Acts, (Amendment)Act, 1907 the following were registered as Old Metal and Marine Store Dealers :—

Mr. W. G. Blake, Industrial Site, Ridge Lane.
Mr. S. Griffiths, Noose Lane
Mr. F. Thompson, Watery Lane.
Mr. L. Riggott, Sand Pits, Noose Lane.

Smoke Abatement.

Deposit gauge, sulphur di-oxide recorders and volumetric recording apparatus were installed at appropriate points, the relative results not yet being given. It is hoped to give a more full report after a longer period of time.

Following upon smoke observations and as a result of contact being maintained with the factories concerned, improvements in furnace design and practice were made at the following premises :—

Weldless Steel Tube Ltd.
Wednesfield Steel Co. Ltd.
Wolverhampton Metal Co. Ltd

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

Factories Act 1937.

1.—INSPECTIONS

for purposes of provisions as to health.
Including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

PREMISES	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	35	10	—
Factories without mechanical power	19	1	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)	4	—	—
TOTAL	58	11	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND

PARTICULARS	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)				
(a) insufficient	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	31	4	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	2	—	—	—
TOTAL	35	4	—	—

The inspection under the above Act took place towards the latter end of the year and the result of the activity undertaken will therefore, be revealed in the report of the current year 1953.

Housing.

On August 14th the Chairman of the Staffordshire County Council Alderman Lewis Davies J.P., opened the first house to be let to an overspill tenant from the Wolverhampton County Borough.

The ceremony took place at No. 2, Lichwood Road on the Lichfield Road housing site and marked the commencement of an influx into the Urban District from the town of Wolverhampton, which for a while, to some, the Urban area is strange, from many are heard remarks of acclamation for both houses and district alike.

Briefly I set out below some figures of interest in respect to the Housing activity of 1952. During the course of the year 96 Council houses have been completed and tenanted, which number includes the Overspill Site of Lichfield Road, on which area 62 houses were completed by the end of the year ; 48 going to Wolverhampton tenants and 14 to Wednesfield. During the period there were 7 pre-war houses re-let in the main by reason of movement and manipulation to permit of better use of accommodation. In all 97 new tenancies have been granted, of which 49 were to Wednesfield applicants. In addition to the above two old peoples bungalows have been re-let.

Reverting to the Overspill site of Lichfield Road, it is interesting to record that Wolverhampton have housed two applicants off the Wednesfield list in these houses, and I set out here below interesting figures of population movements in respect of the overspill scheme :—

December 31st, 1952 : Total population 214, of which 171 were new entrants into the area from Wolverhampton.

The number of children total 96, of which 75 of these are intake from Wolverhampton.

The above figures do not take into consideration any children born after tenancies taken up,

Number of Council houses completed :—

1950	.....	.....	34
1951	.....	.....	80
1952	.....	.....	96

Number of new applicants received :—

1951	.....	.....	186
1952	.....	.....	181

